

City of Nokomis
City of Nokomis Council Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery, Illinois held its regular meeting at the Nokomis City Hall on Monday, July 10, 2023. Mayor Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. Those present were Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Stauder and Arkebauer, and Mayor Goldsmith. Also, present City Clerk Hill, Attorney Chris Sherer; Ellen Christener (Pana News) Ben Schwarm (Journal News) Allen Hard, Keith Hancock, Emily Fox.

VISITORS

Emily Fox was present to voice her concerns over dogs that have been running loose in her neighborhood. Mrs. Fox stated that the loose dogs have torn up her patio furniture and her kids outside toys the dog has also taken off with some of her other outdoor furniture. She let the Council know that she is worried about the dog being violent. Mrs. Fox also addressed the council to let them know that when she called the first time Officer Marron responded and was very nice and helpful when taking her complaint and has even taken photos. Mrs. Fox stated that when she called the next time Officer Ehrhardt responded she did not even ask her name or ask her to file a complaint but responded to the home of the dog. Commissioner Glenn addressed Mrs. Fox to let her know that she was taking the right steps. Mayor Goldsmith asked her to keep calling and keep reporting the dog, he also stated that unfortunately animal control is not a lot of help unless we have the animal in custody. Commissioner Stauder asked if the animals are licensed. Clerk Hill stated that most animals are not.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the June 26, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Minutes of the June 26, 2023 executive meeting were presented. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Commissioner Stauder abstained. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Resolutions, Petitions, Ordinances, Remonstrance

Reports of City Officers

Commissioner Morris presented a building permit for a fence at 446 S Maple. Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the building permit at 446 S Maple. Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Stauder, Arkebauer; and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn reported on the street department's report, adding that they have been busy cleaning out ditches and finishing the sidewalk at North Pine, mowing, and getting ready for Homecoming weekend.

Commissioner Arkebauer stated that he is waiting on a call back to set up the training for the locator. Commissioner Arkebauer also stated he has been in touch with ditch witch to get quotes for a vac-trailer Commissioner Stauder asked if the trailer would have a jet rodder, Commissioner Arkebauer let the council know that it would not have a jet rodder but that he is just looking for quotes.

Mayor Goldsmith reported that the website is getting closer to going live and let the Council know that he thinks everyone will really like it.

Commissioner Stauder reported on the revenues in the amount of \$ 52, 043.44

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Stauder made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$505,593.25 Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Goldsmith addressed the Council to let them know that he met with Attorney Sherer and went over the contracts with EJ Water. Mayor Goldsmith let the Council know that he will be reaching out to Roger and Cameron to further discuss the contracts the City has proposed to EJ Water, and that the City will have a new contact person with EJ Water.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to approve a savings account be opened at First National Bank in Nokomis for the seizure of cash, seized by the Police Department. Mayor Goldsmith, Commissioner Stauder, and City Clerk Hill will be listed on the account. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioner Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays none. The motion carried.

Mayor Goldsmith let the Council know that the City has reached out to Korte-Luitjohn to replace the meter at the Nokomis Nursing & Rehabilitation. They will be getting a quote for the

work that needs to be done, stating that the nursing home could be without water for at least four hours for the meter replacement.

Mayor Goldsmith requested the Council review the contract for services with CTI. Commissioner Stauder stated he would like to wait to approve the contract until he can compare the last contract with the proposed contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into executive session during its regular session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss the matters of the Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of the employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). The purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5). The setting of the price for sale or lease property owned by the public body (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). The Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2 (2) (1). Commissioner Glenn seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to resume regular session at 8:24 P.M. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Other Business

Commissioner Arkebauer made a motion to hire Alex Pavolka for the part time summer help position at City Hall. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. Commissioner Arkebauer seconded the motion. Voting yes, Commissioners Morris, Glenn, and Arkebauer, Stauder and Mayor Goldsmith. Nays, none. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hill
City Clerk